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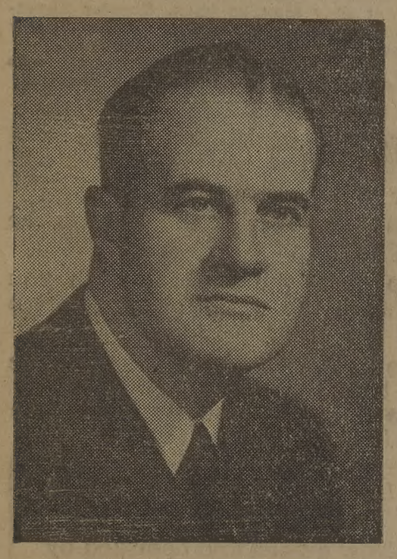
Church Names Vinal G. Mauss Japanese Mission President

(Desert News-May 30, '49)

A new president of the Japanese Mission, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—Vinal G. Mauss, 48, bishop of the Oakland, Calif., Ward—was announced Friday by the Church First Presidency.

President and Mrs. Mauss and their two sons and a daughter plan to leave about next August



for Japan where they will relieve Pres. and Mrs. Edward L. Clissold.

The new mission president was born Oct. 16, 1900, at Murray, Utah, son of the late Michael and Lottie Wright Mauss. After being graduated from the old LDS High School and LDS Business College he filled a mission to Japan 1922-24.

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Dr. Clarence Snow Gardner, Beloved Physician Died May 27, '49

A well-beloved friend, brother and physician, Dr. Clarence Snow Gardener, died May 27, 1949, in an Oakland hospital a few hours after suffering a heart attack. Thus passes one who has healed the bodies and comforted the minds of hundreds of the local colony and citizens of the East Bay.

It is common knowledge among his intimate friends that constantly through the years his kindly charity had administered to many who were at the time not in the best of circumstances. His skill was not excelled in his chosen profession, and his constant attendance at medical clinics where he might gain some newer insight into ways to heal his fellows was outstanding.

Doctor Gardner was 65, having been born in Pine Valley, Utah, son of Reuben and Lucy Snow Gardner. He attended the BYU in Provo, taught in the grades at Pine Valley and at St. George, Utah. He filled an honorable mission in Switzerland 1906-08, and upon his return went to the Jefferson Medical school, Philadelphia, taking up the practice of medicine in 1913 in Salt Lake City and Kaysville.

During the first World War he served as a major in the medical corp, seeing service in France. After the war he took up his professional practice in Farmington, Utah, where among his many other activities he served as mayor of Farmington.

Doctor Gardner came to California in 1928, and had resided here for the last 21 years of his life. He married Mary Beesley in 1908, but she passed away after he came to California. His second marriage was to Hilda Cherling of Salt Lake City in 1937, who survives him.

He came of a large Utah family, and leaves eight brothers and sisters. Brother Clarence and Sister Hilda were members of the Berkeley ward where his loss will be felt most keenly, for they have a host of friends who love and admire the sweet beauty of their lives among us.

Great Festival of Progress Dated, Berk. Welfare Center, June 14, 7:30 to 11 p. m.

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No toil nor labor fear,
But with joy,wend your way . . ."

The beloved clarion call which has come to be so much a part of the Latter-day Saints, might well have been the theme song of workers at the Stake Welfare building during the past year. As the result of the toil and labor which held no fear for men and women throughout the stake, the fine stone cannery and welfare house has slowly, but surely, grown from its foundation into a sturdy, useful structure.

June 14 will prove to be an important date in the life of the welfare building. On that evening, all Saints and friends throughout the stake and Bay Area are invited to wend their way, with no fear of toil or labor, to the building at Fink Lane and San Pablo avenue, El Cerrito, to participate in the big festival of progress, which will be held from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m.

Only for June 14, however, will labor cease, for the building is yet to be completed. The festival is being held to acquaint members of the stake with the progress which has been made, and to kindle the enthusiasm of everyone to help in its completion, especially that of the cannery, which is expected to be ready to meet the canning needs for the summer.

Chairman of the affair is Denzel C. Allen. Working with him on preparations is a general committee, consisting of Ardell Kay of the MIA; Sarah Banning, Relief Society; Annetta Wood, Primary; Henry Neerings, high council and John L. Murdock, high council.

Refreshments will be served, and a pleasant evening is promised to all Berkeley stake members and friends.

Doctrine and Covenants Printed In Braille For Blind; Tom Fletcher's Dream Come True

Tom Fletcher of Martinez, son of Patriach Harry Fletcher of Oakland stake, favors us with the following data regarding the Braille edition recently put out by the Church. Tom is blind and has campaigned long for this action.

The Doctrine and Covenents of our Church can now be read in Braille for the benefit of the blind. Each of the Federal Regional Braille Libraries in the United States now has copies of this treasured book waiting to be bor-

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What Memories! M Men, Gleaners End Convention

The Seventh Annual Northern California M Men and Gleaners convention has now been placed on the books as history, but many worthwhile friendships and warm memories of things inspirational are evidence of this four-day event. The theme "Prospecting for Golden Horizons" was depicted for almost five hurdred registrants in a'49ers Carnival, in a Banquet, a Dance, a Pagent, and several inspirational meetings. Ralph W. Hardy of the General YMMIA Superintendency presided over those participating. At a meeting for the Gleaners as well as the two meetings on Sunday, Sister C. W. Nalder of San Francisco was invited as a special speaker.

At the banquet on Saturday evening 431 people were served. Monday morning seven bus-loads of convention participants were taken on a grand tour to the Universisty of California, across the Golden Gate Bridge, to the Cliff House, China town, Fisherman's Wharf, and over the Bay bridge, to Oakland again. Tentative plans indicate that the next convention will be under the direction of the Palo Alto Stake, and the following year's host Reno Stake.

Markers Will Honor LDS Historic Spots In Northern California

Two LDS markers will be dedicated this summer jointly by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and the State of California Landmark association. One of these monuments and markers will grace the historic site where Sam Brannon and brethren from the ship Brooklyn, made their way up the San Francisco bay and the San Joaquin river to a landing at what became known as Mossdale, a ferry town, now a ghost town not far from Tracy.

The other monument and marker will stand at the place where this launch load of LDS in that pioneer year, 1846, started New Hope, an agricultural community, it was hoped, where the first grain ever raised in the San Joaquin valley was harvested by "Mormons."

These two interesting markers under this joint sponsorship of the DUP and the Marker association will be dedicated, it is planned, on the anniversary date, July 31, of the landing of the pioneer colony of saints under the leadership of colorful Sam Brannan from the ship Brooklyn in San Francisco, 1846.

Moving spirit of all this excellent historic activity by the local Daughter of the Utah Pioneers has been that tireless worker, Anna Patton. She it is who has

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Will Appear With Bay Area Choral Group Musical Festival, Westlake Jr. H. S. Fri., June 10, 8:15 p.m.

The Bay Area Choral Group consisting of members from Berkeley, Oakland, and San Francisco Stakes will present their Music Festival on Friday, June 10th, at 8:15 p.m. at the Westlake Junior High School Auditorium located near Lake Merritt. Solo artists appearing with the group will include Rollin Jensen, talented teenage pianist who recently won the Alameda Lions Club Award.

The choral selections to be sung will include works from Bach, Thompson, Tschaikowsky, Handel, and others. The numbers are those that have been chosen for the all-church music festival to be held the week following in Salt Lake City, at which many of the choral group will participate. For the performance here, Blaine Wilson and Darrel Monson are directing. Accompanists are Donna Carter and Eloise Ogden.

All members of the four bay-area stakes are invited to be present, especially those who are interested in community choral enterprises.

About 35 of this Bay Area Church Group will sing a repertoure of eighteen great numbers at th Music Festival Program in the S. F. Tabernacle June 18.

Congratulations to such leaders as Darrel Monson to whom all the bay area stakes are indedted for many cultural treats.

Liahona Club News

The May 22 meeting of the Liatona Club was one of the most interesting and important sessions yet held. Besides a most oratorical and also factual address, the club took final action amending the club contsitution as had been proposed for sometime past.

Mr. Joseph Rossborough of the California Toll Bridge Authority presented most impressive figures as to the vast size and service of the S. F.-Oakland bridge, and dramitized the dreams of men from the early days of the state

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Alameda Chapel Dedication is Set for Sunday, June 26th

(Alameda Times-Star Photo)

By Rhea Gustaveson

The newly erected chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will be dedicated Sunday, June 26 at 7 p.m. A member of the Presiding Bishopric of the church from Salt Lake City will be present at these dedicatory services.

This branch of the church (Alameda ward) was organized 16 years ago with Leo H. Crandall as its first bishop. It had a membership of 123 persons.

Under the leadership of Bishop Crandall plans were first made to eventually build a chaped. The property at Grand St and Encinal Ave. was purchased, and plans for financing began to materialize.

Under the administration of Wendell M. Jensen, who next served for five years as bishop, funds were accumulated, plans approved and great progress made.

During the latter part of this administration and also under the leadership of Bishop John Rooks, it was deemed advisable to postpone the building program.

ARMY BUILDING PURCHASED

In November of 1947, a huge naval officers and recreation building at Camp Shoemaker was purchased It is interesting to note

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Robert Kelly's Farewell Party

Robert Kelly, Carquinez ward, has been called to the Spanish American Mission. Robert is the

son of Brother and Sister Raymond Kelly, 1532 Lemon St., Vallejo.

Bob is a graduate of Vallejo high school and attended Vallejo Junior college for 1½ years. The past year he has attended the U. of C. at Berkeley, majoring in chemistry.

Bob was ordained an elder September 12, 1948; another step for the service he is undertaking. During all the time spent in Vallejo, he has been a conscientious member of the Church, serving as a ward teacher, assistant scout master and M Men stake president. These duties he performed with sincerity of purpose and with a personal conviction that it would prepare him for further services.

Now, Bob is ready to embark upon another calling to preach the gospel to all people.

A farewell testimonial and party will be given in his honor June 10, 1949, at 8 o'clock in Carquinez ward, 1539 Tuolumne St., Vallejo. He will leave Vallejo for the Mission home about June 20.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Schedule of Stake Conferences

San Francisco stake, June 4-5;
Oakland stake, June 25-26;
Berkeley stake, August 27-28;
Palo Alto stake, Sept. 3-4.

Neal McCarthy, Harry Crowther Return from Missions

The Messenger adds its welcome to Elder Neal McCarthy of Dimond and Elder Harry Crowther of Berkeley, who have just returned home after filling honorable missions abroad. Next month we shall endeavor to present their own written reports to our readers.

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Gleaner Girls, Oakland Stake

The fine Gleaner Girls group of Oakland stake held their annual anquet and election in the Dimond ward recreation hall, Apr. 27. Each ward tale was originally decorated in the most interesting manner, Maxwell Park ward winning the prize for the best decorations.

Yellow corsages of rosebuds were presented to the Golden Gleaners of the stake: Maureen McKinley, Gerry Larsen, Ruth Thomas, Fern Everett, Joyce Briscoe, Barara Adams, Violet Fontana and Winnie Martin, all of Maxwell Park ward, except Maureen.

The new officers are: Oral Alexander, president; Gloria Jacobs, vice president; Norma Williams, secretary and treasurer; Gayleen Clayson, historian; Ruth Thomas, publicity and Joyce Briscoe, Golden Gleaner chairman.

There is some discussion of the cooperation on the part of the Liabona Club in these dedicatory activities. This inter-stake body of LDS business men is the nearest to an organiged "Sons of Utah Pioneers" unit for the San Francisco bay area. Hence cooperation would be appreciated. It is believed, by the DUP organization.

Martinez Ward

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The Special Interest class of MIA sponsored a barbeque the evening of May 10, at the Markham home in Concord, honoring the Felts, who left the same week to make their home in Ida. Elden was ward clerk and Edna, activity counselor in Mutual.

May 14 and 15, Scout Troop 188 received proficiency rating at the Berkeley Contra Costa counsel of Boy Scouts' camporee. They have won that rating every year for the past three years.

May 15, the Aaronic priesthood bishopric conducted the Sunday services in commemoration of the restoration of the Aaronic priesthood. Robert Vom Dorp acted as bishop; Vance Roskelley, as first counselor, and Donald McKinney as second counselor.

The Relief Society held a "patio" party at the home of President Alice Harson, Friday, May 27. This closing party was given by the Concord members, losers in a recent food sale contest. Only the work and business meetings will continue thruout the summer on the second Tuesday of each month.

Summer Primary will be held throughout vacation, and will commence shortly after school closes.

A group of Martinez ward members motored to Yosemite over the three-day holiday.

June 14 is your date, remember, at Berkeley's New Welfare Center for general fun, program, refreshments, and a look-see all over the best-ever Welfare Center.

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A Missionary's Life

By ROBT. L. PHIBBS.

While in the mission field I met some of the nicest people in the world. I will say there are good people everywhere. We truly have a lot of them in the Oakland and Berkeley stakes, and I found that they have many such persons in Glasgow, Montana, where I spent most of my mission.

Glasgow has a population of about 5,000, being a farming and stock raising center, serving an area extending ten to thirty miles on all sides. It is also a division point on the Great Northern railroad.

The principal commodity of the region is wheat, though some farmers are beginning to raise sugar beets. We have an organized Branch of the Church in Glasgow, and have a building site paid for in anticipation of a chapel in the near future.

The Indian people on the reservation near Glasgow are the best Indians in the world, I think. They are a quiet, industrious, and peace-loving group. They mind their own business, and really do a good job of keeping off the war path.

The Spirit of God is surely with his children in Glasgow and vicinity. They have a great and important future ahead. I feel that we should all pray for them and for all other missions and for all God's children. I say let's keep the missionary spirit going, and help all we can to support the missionary work of the Church for I know it is the work of God.

In doing this we will also remember to keep the home fires burning. Our own responsibilities are ever with us. So let us all do our very best.

Calling All "Laws"

Ray E. Law, 400 Lagunitas avenue, Oakland 10, is hot on the search for one Isaac Law of Yorkshire, England, and genealogical data pertaining to him. He knows that this Isaac Law married Martha Parkinson in Felkirk Parish, Yorkshire, May 8, 1761; but years of search and much time and cost get no other data regarding him.

Now Brother Ray E. Law would like to hear from all interested in research in Yorkshire parish registers on whatever lines to correspond with him. He has a plan of cooperative research of these registers whereby all concerned with obtaining data from these Yorkshire registers may combine and have unified search made on a number of lines at the same time, but at a saving of time and money. Write Ray E. Law at the address above given.

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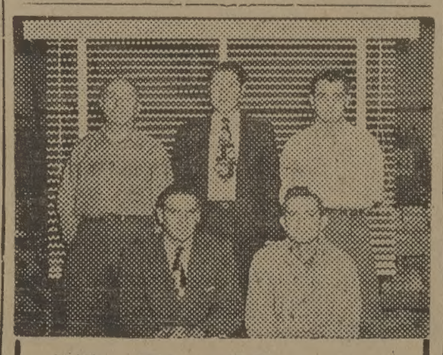

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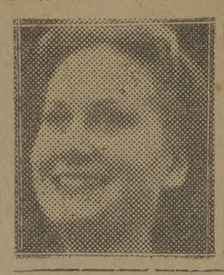

Primary closed with a gala spring festival honoring a queen of May. The queen was chosen from a group of five girls with perfect attendance records. The queen was Diane Byrne and her attendants were: Gayle Andersen, Melanie Byrne, Julia Harmon and Jacqueline Nelson.

Summer Primary will begin June 22 for Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4; parents are urged to send their children.

At Sunday evening services May 15 and 22, four boys and six girls were given certificates of graduation for completing their Primary work.

May 27, Daughters of the Pioneers held a pot luck picnic at Oakdale camp in Tilden park. Daughter Maybelle Anderson presented the lesson on the life of Robert Gardner. This biography was important because it presented four phases of Mormon history. Daughter Virginia Eagen came from Sacramento and was presented with a pin for her years' of service.

Berkeley and Claremont gave a party for Daughter Brawley, who was honored as the oldest member in the camps; she was presented with a pin for her service. The program included a sketch of her life given by her daughter, Reva B. Ruff.

On June 20 the next DUP meeting will held; this, a picnic event, will begin the summer activities.

May 26 the Relief Society enjoyed Sister Hilton's book review on "Nauvoo the Beautiful." June 2 was the closing activity, a dinner to which both wards invited their husbands.

Summer meetings will be held on every second Thursday of the month.

MIA has begun summer meetings and soon the softball activities will be under way.

For the interest of friends of Frank Kerr it is announced that he passed away some three weeks ago in Santa Barbara, Calif.

New Gamma Rho Chi officers are: Joan Hickman, president; Rose Marie Dunham, vice president; Jeanne Sidwell, secretary. A vote of thanks to the old officers who served so well, and best wishes for the incoming board.

Joan Hickman and Dawna Erickson will leave Berkeley June 18, for Mexico City, where they will enroll in the University of Mexico City for the summer term. It seems probable that Dawna's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Erickson, will motor to Mexico City wit hthe girls.

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Dimond Ward

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We are happy to welcome Neal McCarthy home from his mission and to hear his many interesting experiences. Neal is spending a great deal of his leisure time giving piano lessons.

During the month of May, Gerald and Mona Russon were blessed with a fine eight pound baby boy.

Winifred Phelps met Richard in Salt Lake and together they visited Winifred's father and sisters in Idaho. Richard is keeping busy with his studies at the BYU.

The many friends of Edna Torgerson will be glad to hear that she is on the road to recovery since her operation.

In case you didn't have the mumps as a child, look out; Kay Baer and Maxine Hilton can tell you it isn't any fun.

We are sorry to hear Bro. Wilson Perkins has been so ill; his friends join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Many thanks to E. K. Ferguson, Anson Perkins and Roert McAllister for their time and efforts given to genealogy work. New officers are Ira Call, chairman, and Arden Allen and Herb Van Noy as first and second assistants.

On May 23, Margaret and Don Bennion ecame parents of twin boys. It was a surprise to their many friends.

At sacrament meeting May 29, our junior girls looked lovely while receiving their junior awards.

Irene Berg is second counselor in Primary; Lottie Smith has been released with a vote of thanks.

We are sorry to lose Dan and Sarah Furnston to Oakland ward, but one never knows; they may be back. Chester Shurtleff has filled the vacancy in the Sunday school superintendency left by Dan.

M Men and Gleaners thank all who helped make their convention a success.

- The sunshine of love will soften and warm the hardest sinner in your neighorhood.
- "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."
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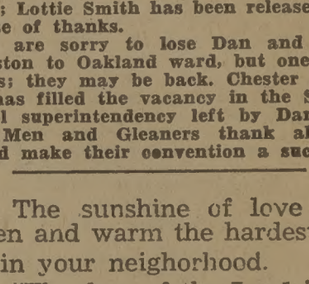

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Napa Ward News

CATHERINE J. WOOLLEY.

The month of May finds changes being made in Napa ward. Max Reed and Harold Constable have been released as ward clerk and assistant and have been called to be president and secretary of the elders' quorum. We are sorry to lose them, but also rejoice with them in their new calling. Lee Ferrin Francon has been called to be the new ward clerk.

From the YMMIA Ted Ichterty has been released with his counselors, Delmar Fowles and Robert Jeffries, with a vote of thanks for their work. We are happy to have Rex Candlman as our new Young Men's president; as yet his counselors have not been chosen. MIA classes are now on their summer programs and are being held in the homes.

Sunday school has also been affected by changes. Charles Price and counselors Walter Prescott and Charles Okerlund, have been released and thanked. Allan C. Woolley is the new superintendent with counselors Allen Young and Arthur Hancock. The Hancocks have just moved into the ward from Sonoma, where he was ranch president. We are happy to welcome them into the ward.

Relief Society has had the last meeting of the year. Our annual breakfast came June 1 at the waterworks. Ruth Pell and counselors entertained the officers and teachers at a supper recently and a business meeting followed.

Bishop and Sister John L. Murdock left the first week in June for Provo, where they will attend graduation exercises at BYU. Their daughter, Mary Ann, is a member of the graduating class. Congratulations are also in order for Mary Ann upon her engagement to Roert C. Mendenhall of Springville, Utah. The couple's wedding plans for which are still indefinite, will climax a campus romance. Both Mary Ann and her fiance will receive degrees at the university's commencement exercises in June. The bride elect will receive her BA in music and Robert is to be given his master's degree in economics. He is the son of Bishop and Mrs. V. Cornell Mendenhall of Springville.

On the 27th of May the ward youth banquet was held. Forty-five teen-agers and 17 adults enjoyed a roast beef dinner prepared under the direction of Phyllis Keeler. Verl Tayson was emcee, and community singing, toasts and jokes were given during the dinner. After the meal individual awards were presented by Bishop Keller. Dancing was enjoyed by all for the remainder of the evening. We were happy to have as special guests, Bishop John Murdock of the high council, and Sister Murdock, as the stake chairman.

Napa ward is proud of its radio program broadcast each Sunday from station KVON. So far we have had the bishopric and Bro. Murdock as speakers. The tabernacle choir and organ provide the music by transcription.

June 14 is your date, remember, at Berkeley's New Welfare Center for general fun, program, refreshments, and a look-see all over the best-ever Welfare Center.

Napa Ward Does It Again

Napa ward has retained its long and enviable record of 100 per cent ward teaching again in May. The following are the three musts in Napa ward teaching: 1. Complete ward teaching before the 15th of each month; 2. Submit the written report with appropriate remarks on each family to supervisors by the 15th of each month; 3. Be sure to fill out the record on the back of report calling for your attendance at sacrament meetings.

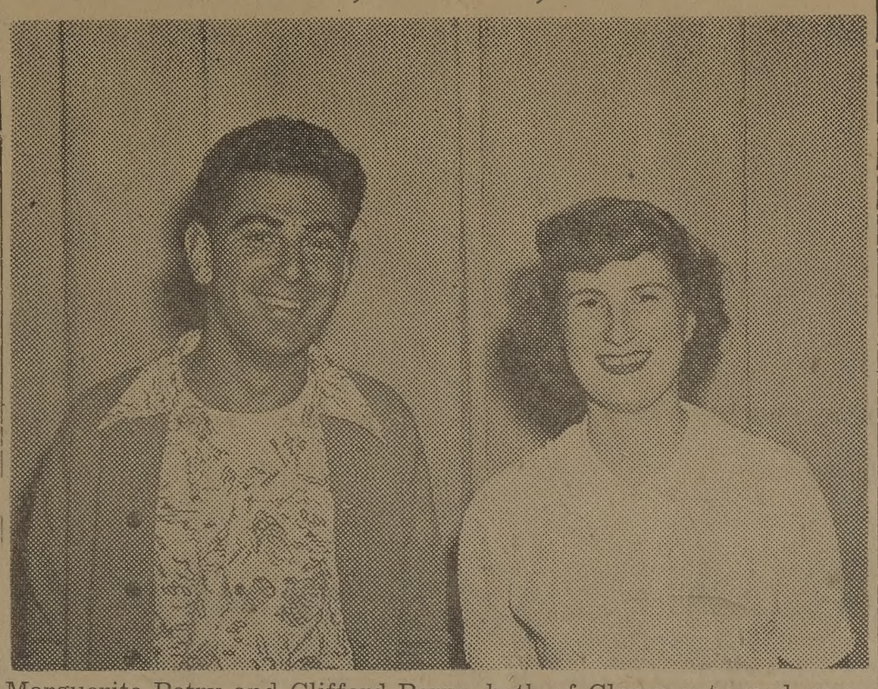
Blood Bank Proposed

By Dennis L. Lauper

Since the start of World War II most of us have been invited to donate blood for the benefit of the fighting men who have suffered from shock or injury. As soon as the supply of plasma became greater than that needed by our fighting forces its use was extended to civilian needs. Here, as in the services, its life restoring benefits were regarded as "magic."

Undoubtedly it would be a great blessing to many people if an LDS blood bank were established in a nearby hospital by each ward or at least by each stake. This appears to be a worthy project for the Melchizidek Priesthood quorums. Who can say that either he or his family may not be a thankful beneficiary of a blood bank in the not distant future?

New Presidents, M Men, Gleaner Girls



Marguerite Petry and Clifford Perry, both of Claremont ward, were elected the new stake presidents of the Gleaners and the M Men, respectively. This fine couple were duly elected at the annual dinner and election held in Berkeley ward recreation hall, May 14. The Gleaner Girls elected to serve with Marguerite were: Rosemary Scott, vice president; Joan Hickman, secretary-treasurer, and Kathy Campbell, publicity chairman. Elected to serve with Cliff Perry by the M Men were: Scott Barrett, Enoch Staples and William Burnham, in the offices of vice president, secretary-treasurer and athletic director.

Intermountain News Potpourri

May and June will be among the best skiing months of the year at Brighton and Alta in the Cottonwood canyons in Salt Lake county thanks to late spring storms. . . . Whether or not the Utah county agents will be continued is still uncertain due to a veto of their state appropriation. . . . A terrible flash flood again for the fourth time in 25 years roared out of several Boxelder canyons, Tuesday, May 17, doing great damage to South Willard area. Now they are surely going to do something to prevent future ravages in this fine region.

The famous "dream mine" promoter in Spanish Fork, Utah, John Hyrum Koyle, 84, died May 16. For fifty years he and others kept working the mine in vain. He once was a bishop but in 1948 was excommunicated from the Church on charges of insubordination, holding religious meetings contrary to the order of the Church. . . Samuel D. Thurman, former S.L.C. attorney, was recently named full professor of law at Stanford university.

O. F. Grames of Price, Utah, claims to show wheat that was grown from a small sealed container in an ancient Indian cliff dwelling in southeast Utah. Experts say can be; wheat does not germinate after 25 years.

Golden Spike day was celebrated in May in Ogden, where it is an annual observation. . . . Utah

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FANNY MOODY DIED IN SALT LAKE CITY

The hundreds of old friends of Fanny Wessman Moody in the bay area will receive with regret the news of her death which occurred in Salt Lake City April 30, 1949, according to a kind letter from her well-known husband and former Oakland stake member, William A. Moody. She was 76 years old. William A. is now 78, and writes with a freshness of spirit and in a beautiful flowing penmanship.

Fanny Moody was born in Sweden of a mother who had accepted the Gospel five years before Fanny's birth. Coming to Utah ahead of the family at age fifteen, she immediately began that persistent activity for the Kingdom that marked her life until almost the last. In Berkeley ward she served as the president of the Relief Society, and ever betrayed a spirit of usefulness and helpfulness to others, especially those in any kind of trouble or sorrow. She served as a temple worker at one period of her life. "Well done thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

- "A Sabbath well spent brings a week of content, And health for the toils of the morrow; But a Sabbath profaned, whatso'er may be gained, Is a certain forerunner of sorrow."
- "Walk worthily."

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LDS Markers

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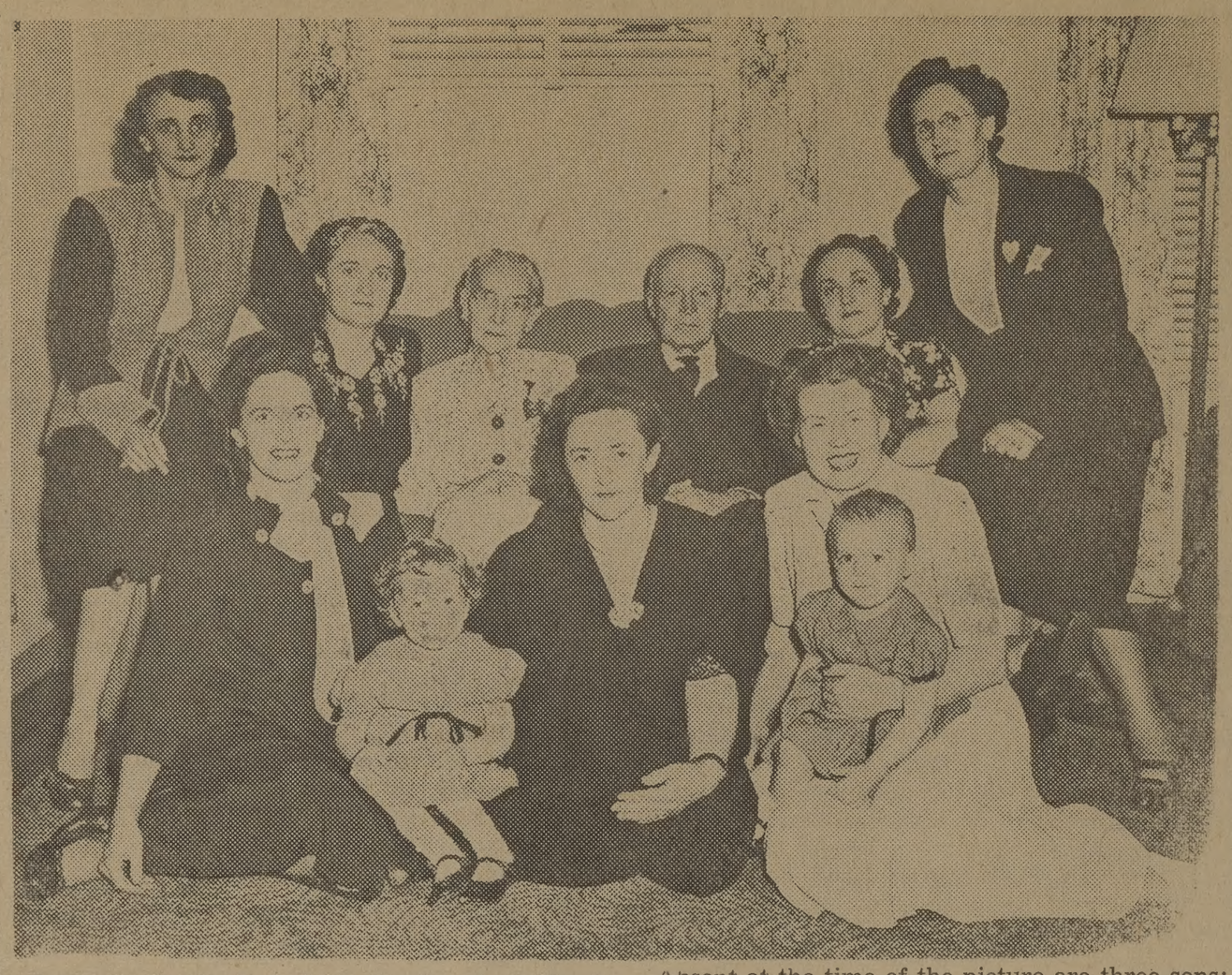
done the immense amount of documentary research to uncover the exact spots of these twin adventures of the early saints in Northern California. Also she it is who has carried forward the voluminous correspondence with several state agencies which has finally laid the definite research findings before the California chamber of commerce committee on landmarks, and the California Landmark association, and secured the approval and cooperation of both these bodies. As a result the approval of the State Natural Resources Board is daily awaited so that the markers may be ordered made in Salt Lake City by the central office of the DUP, and contracts let for the erection of the stone and concrete monuments which will permanently carry the markers fixed upon their faces for all to read.

When dedicated the monuments will come under the perpetual care and upkeep of the California Highway Board. W. Aird Macdonald and Brother Nicolaysen of the new San Joaquin stake high council will cooperate in overlooking the actual contracual erection of the stone and concrete monuments.

It is expected that air conditioned busses will be chartered by the local colony who will wish to be present at the dedication services. In this way it seems that there will be less hazard and less expense in travel and at the same time more comfort and more fun at that warm season in the central valley.

It should be reported, although rather belatedly through an oversight not intended ,that the Berkeley and the Claremont chapters of the DUP's honored Josephine Braley at their April meeting This good and noble wife of our former and beloved Gaston Braley, stake patriarch, was remembered by a large attendance of the members who were treated to a story of Sister Braley's eventful and useful life by her daughter, Rena Ruff, of Berkeley.



John C. Searle and Julia Searle of Oakland ward and family at the celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary April 10, 1949, at the home of their daughter, Jennie Woolf, of Oakland.

Upper row, l. to r.: two daughters, Clara Neve, of Canada. and Lottie Zuver of Richmond; Julia Searle, John C .Searle; two daughters, Jennie Woolf, Oakland, and Luella Kearney, Canada.

Lower row, granddaughter, Evelyn Hilton (Mrs. Phyl Hilton) and her baby daughter; daughter, Annie Bowen, Canada; granddaughter, Margery Fisher, holding another daughter of Evelyn Hilton's.

Absent at the time of the picture are three sons: John Irving Searle, Canada; Clarence Searle, Utah, and Owen Searle, Idaho.

John C. Searle is now 80 years old and in good health; Julia is 77. He was born in St. George, Utah, while his wife was born in Salt Lake City. They were first married in Vernal, Utah. In 1903 they moved for a short stay in Idaho, thence to Canada, where they resided until 1930, when for Julia's health, they sold their holdings in farm lands and moved to Oakland, where Jennie Woolf and others of their children had preceeded them. John C. and Julia Searles now have 30 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

D&C in Braille

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in the United States now have copies of this treasured book wait-

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Before Tom became blind he had drifted around the world and thru life in general so far as the Church was concerned. He had never read any of the books of the Church. Humbled and broken by illness, resulting in blindness, he found that the only hope for his recovery was his Heavenly Father. He read the Book of Mormon ,then the only Church book in Braille, and found solace.

Then he began a campaign of writing letters and doing research to get the Church to publish the Doctrine and Covenants in Braille. That campaign has now borne fruit. The book is available to all the blind of every language. Now he is seeking ways to interest others in publishing the history of the Church and the life of the Prophet Joseph in Braille also.

Tom is employed in the office of the sheriff of Contra Costa county. He is a typist and in charge of important work there. As a hobby he works beautifully on leather as friends order their bill folds, key holders, belts, etc., from him.

Brentwood Ward

Most of the Brentwood branch participated in the MIA festival held this month. Our Mutual is growing and we are glad the program will continue once a week through the summer.

Though it is a very small package, the gift from heaven to John and Mary Crane is dearly beloved. Sandra, Jimmy and Freddie think their new sister, Diana May, is the loveliest baby in the whole world.

The closing party for Primary was a little different this year and very successful. Each teacher planned a party for her own group.

Teachers and children are eager to begin the summer program. Many new ideas were received at the last Union meeting in Berkeley.

Everyone had a good time who went to Marsh Creek Springs last Saturday. The purpose was to organize a softball team; weiner roasting and swimming completed the day.

Dear little two-year-old Gary Pederson is in the Stanford hospital for plastic surgery. He has the faith and prayers of the branch in his behalf.

Pres. Geddes, assisted by Floyd and Alfred Pederson conducted their first funeral service in Brentwood Thursday, May 26, for Dewey Burch, who was drowned in front of his home on Bethel Island. Mildred Gibbs sang, accompanied by Viola Roach. The services were beautiful.

Glad to know that Melvin Pederson of Lone Tree has been honored to attend the American Legion sponsored Boys' State at Sacramento in June. —Ivie Breck.

The missionaries in Brentwood branch felt that their labors had been abundantly rewarded when they attended the baptismal in Berkeley Saturday, May 7, along with 35 members and converts from this small branch. They were thankful for the guidance and inspiration that the Lord had given them and the five who were going into the waters of baptism.

The Lord has greatly blessed this branch in that it has and is growing and the members realize the joy and companionship that the brotherhood of the Church offers to all who will accept and obey the law that Christ set up in His church.

Since the branch was organized approximately a year ago, 12 new members have been added by baptism. This is gratifying in view of the fact that most of the local missionaries have the responsibilities of three or four other positions in the branch and cannot devote the specified time solely to preaching the gospel to investigators. We have found opportunity to leave tracts in public offices from Brentwood to Stockton. We never know when the Lord will touch the heart of the reader and the truths they read will leave such an impression they will be led to investigate, and anyone who will investigate with a sincere desire to know the truth cannot miss seeing the beauties of the gospel.

We are told that if we will keep the commandments of God, He is bound to keep His promises to us, but if we do not what He says, we have no promise. I pray that the Saints in this branch and stake may ever be mindful of this promise.

June 14 is your date, remember, at Berkeley's New Welfare Center for general fun, program, refreshments,and a look-see all over the best-ever Welfare Center.

—Lester Schofield.

Maxwell Pk. Ward

MARJORIE HAWKINS KE. 3-3864.

Work has been progressing very nicely in dismantling the old hotel we purchased to make money for our building fund. By the time this news is in print, we hope the job is completed. Thanks to all those who worked and also all ladies who provided sandwiches.

We can, and will have a chapel; we will just pull together, devoting our energy to this worthy cause.

Congratulations are in order for Bro. and Sister Terwilleger who recently observed their 59th wedding anniversary. Sister Terwilleger also received a lovely comb and brush set for being the oldest mother present at the Mother's day program. The prize for the youngest mother went to Sister Ferguson, a new member of our ward, who recently moved here from Wilshire ward, Los Angeles. We welcome her and her husband and family to Maxwell Park.

Vivian Williams, president of the stake Gleaner Girls is our newest Golden Gleaner. Congratulations, Vivian, and more congratulations to Sister Larsen who so nobly inspires and helps our girls in fulfilling requirements for this high honor. Again we say, there isn't a ward in the stake, or Church, for that matter, that can top our record of Golden Gleaners.

Boys Scouts of troop No. 4, newly organized in Maxwell Park ward, went on a three-day trip to Stinson's Beach. They were supervised by Scoutmaster Earle S. Larsen,. Paul Whitten and Bill Clarkson, who are doing mighty well with our boys.

John Manson, son of Mary and Hunter Manson, recently took two titles in the track meet at the University of California. He placed first in both the low and high hurdles. We feel honored to have such fine young men as John in our ward.

Brother and Sister Henderson are parents of a baby girl, Susan, born May 21. Their oldest daughter, Elaine, is leaving for Texas in June to be married. She was recently guest of honor at a bridal shower given in the home of Sister Larsen. Congratulations to Elaine, too.

Our ward picnic will be held June 11, 1949, at the Arryo Viejo park. We invite every family in the ward to attend. Bring your own lunch and spend the afternoon and evening of fun with the members of the ward.

Remember: "No matter how small your lot in life, there's always room on it for a service station."

● Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees.

Fairfield News

MAXINE CAMPBELL

Funeral services were conducted May 19 at the Colonial Mortuary in Oakland for Mrs. Anna Ueberschaer, 76, who passed away May 15 in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Andrews, in Vacaville. The services were conducted jointly by President Orlin I. Oliver and Allen B. Snowball. Mrs. Ueberschaer came from Germany to America in 1926; she was first president of the Relief Society after it was organized in her town. Fairfield members, and all with whom the little old lady came in contact, miss her greatly.

Fairfield branch is represented in the stake M Men Gleaner organization by Enoch Staples and Kathy Campbell who were elected secretary-treasurer and publicity man, respectively.

Dorothy Pinkerton and Kathy Campbell attended the M Men and Gleaner conference in Oakland, returning to their homes with many stories about the interesting meetings, social activities, new friendships, etc.

Gene Millard has been sustained second counselor to the Sunday school superintendent.

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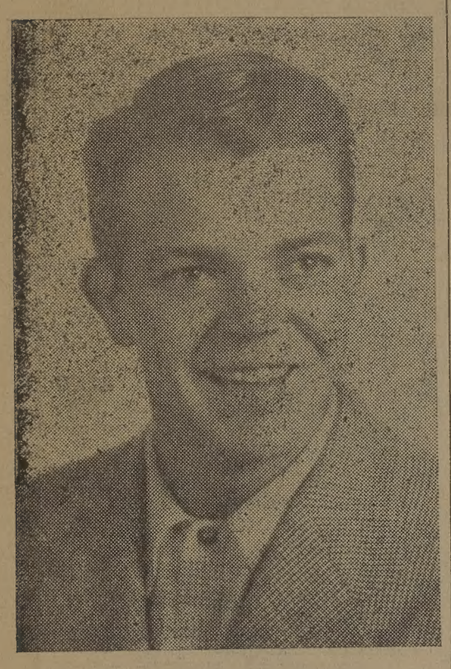
Home From the Argentine

I was called to the Argentine Mission and entered the LDS Mission home May 20 1946. After two weeks of hearing the teachings of our leaders, 30 of the foreign called missionaries left together, two to a bed and all of us in the same car all the way to New York There were eight called to Argen-



one days enroute and visited four tina and three to Brazil. We left on an Argentine ship and therefore got onto the customs and language of the people right from New York harbor. We were thirty countries.

After six days in the Mission home in Buenos Aires, I was sent to LaPlata, capital of the Buenos Aires province (like Sacramento is here in California.) It is also a university city and the size of Berkeley. During my nine months laoring in La Plata, I was privileged to be part of a Church wedding and to baptize two friends into the Church. Having a fine young membership, we had the cooperation of all and they truly helped me all they could.

For the next 11 months I labored in Bahia Blanca and it was here that my testimony and knowledge of the gospel really began to grow. Two of our fellow missionaries were Brother and Sister Costantini. Their experiences in this life was a testimony for all who came in contact with them. Sister Costantine (Dutch desent) was baptized along with her mother at 60 and 99 years respectively. She met Brother Constantine (Italian descent) through ward teaching, he at that time being 65 years young. They have been married now eight years and are completing their second year of a full time two-and a half year mission. It is also Brother Costantine's second mission. Although many are unable to say the Church is false, we are still working with only two members in a city the size of Albany.

After Bahia Blanca, I moved to Florida, a beautiful residential district just outside the city limits of the capital of Buenos Aires. Here we worked with more or less new members, mostly Italian descent, poor, humble class of people among English and German of a very rich class of people. It was quite a comparison and something new for me to work with. And I might point out here that it was through working with many classes of people, that my testimony was strengthened. Also through the testimonies of others, watching them grow in the gospel. Now I can truly say that I have a testimony of the gospel.

Leaving the Mission the 9th of January, 1949, with three other companions, we passed from Argentina into Bolivia by train. We had an accident that cost eight hours delay but no casualies. Form LaPaz we also took a train to the largest, highest, navigatable lake in the world. After ten hours we again went onto a train up to Cuzco, the largest ancient city in the Americas (intact.) Here we spent three days going through mines from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

From Cuzo to Lima, we flew making our first airplane ride over the snow capped Andes. From Lima we went by bus to Equador, then by plane to Paname where we enjoyed two days. Over volcanic mountains was our next thrill from Panama to Guatamala City. Here we stayed with fellow missionaries, visiting ancient ruins and witnessing three baptisms. Again by air to Mexico City, where we were privileged to meet President Pierce and to visit with the Mexican mission five days. From Mexico City to Oakland, I came by bus, stopping seven hours in Los Angeles.

Now home, I hope to be able to continue on as a missionary in my every day life and to be able to work at all times in the stake activities.

- It is a sad religion that is never strong except when its owner is sick.
- Smile awhile and give your frown a rest.

Elmhurst Ward

RAELLEN REYNOLDS—SW. 8-6892.

I am proud to announce that Elmhurst ward has a new ishopric! The new bishop is Truman Nethercott, and Counselors Colonel Vause and Richard Pugmire. Members of Elmhurst want the new bishopric to know that we welcome them, and know they will make one of the best bishoprics Elmhurst ward has ever had.

Hearty thanks go to our former Bishop Glenn Shaw, Mylan Healy and Vernon Jacobsen, his counselors, who did so much for Elmhurst ward.

May 5, Mrs. Neola Hallows and Lorena Hallows held a bridal shower for Afton Hallows. About 20 were present; many lovely gifts were received. Afton and Gene Johns are to be married June 7 in Salt Lake City.

There are some new members in Elmhurst whom we wish to welcome: Thelma Bluhm, Mr. and Mrs. Herman DeVries and son, Bob; the Eustice family, Ralph Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Thomas, their two sons, Jon and Craig, and Mrs. Thomas' sister from Salt Lake, Marjorie Caproni.

May 8, at sacrament meeting, Donna Wilkenson was released from teaching in junior Sunday school and Sister Stanfield was sustained. The Wilkenson family has moved to Maxwell Park ward. Athol Judd was made a priest and Eugene Hidgon, a teacher.

Saturday, May 7, Hayward ward and Elmhurst Fireside held a hayride at Wildwood Stables. About 30 M Men and Gleaners enjoyed themselves. After the hayride, food was served and dancing took up the rest of the evening. Although foggy and very cold, everyone enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to many more joint Fireside parties.

New Fireside officers were chosen Sunday, May 22. New president is Shirley Koverick; vice president is Gloria Jacobs; treasurer is Ted Jacobsen.

Hayward Ward

MRS. ROBERT LIVINGSTON.

We are glad to welcome Jean Sheppard home from the Northern States Mission where she filled an honorable mission. We will have plenty of work for her here. Also, Ellis Olsen who has been working in Guam for the past year.

One missionary returns and two are ready to leave. Reed Welchoff, for Switzerland—a farewell will be held for him June 10—and David White for Uruguay, his farewell being June 16. Both will leave Hayward June 18, taking with them the best wishes and prayers of all the saints.

Relief Society, Primary and Mutual wound up their year's activities with three lovely socials. . . . The Boy Scouts spent last week end at Los Nochas. The Scouts are planning to pay for their summer outing by paper drives; let's all save papers and then call Scouter Frank Webb, when we have a good stock.

The ward is planning a rousing ward picnic June 17 at Alum Rock park

We unite in expressing sympathy to Billy and Gwen Web on the too early birth and death of their dear little boy. Although placed in an oxygen tent, he died in about 12 hours.

A bridal shower was held in the home of Alice Welchoff to honor Shirley Kirk, who is to be married in June. Nearly 50 relatives and friends were present; many lovely gifts were received.

Hayward was host to the stake Junior and Explorer party. They met at the plunge for swimming, then went to the chapel to finish off the evening.

The elders' monthly chicken dinner was held the 27th. If you missed out on this one, look out for the one in June.

The missionaries held three cottage meetings in May. How about having one in your home?

Carol Stewart was the guest of honor at two stork showers; on the 18th in the home of Bishop Stewart, then in San San Leandro where they live, by a group of friends. Desmond and Carol expect the stork in June.

Elsie Willis was called to Arizona to attend the funeral of her nephew, Lloyd Willis, who had been killed in an explosion. He leaves two children and a third on the way. He was well known in Hayward for his long visit here.

Bishop Webb has so far recovered from his illness as to spend a few days in Yosemite; Lula White flew to Arizona to the bedside of her mother; Ardene Grimquist is spending a month in Utah; Della Eck has gone to Oregon to spend a year, her husband's work taking them there.

We were proud of the fine turnout from Hayward at the two-stake Genealogical convention. It isn't every day that the visiting brother and his wife from Salt Lake, as well as the stake genealogical chairman, eats lunch with us Haywardites. But we found that they were just folks who liked fried chicken and banana cake as well as the rest of us.

Claremont Ward

MRS. GRACE MILLWARD.

News of the week is made by Rhea Thompson who comes out wearing a beautiful ring which was placed on her finger by Bob Hornbeck. Rhea, as you know, is our dramatic art director in Claremont MIA. We'll tell you more about Bob in our next issue. We offer congratulations to these two happy people. If you readers will continue to scan this column, I'll keep you posted from month to month on the progress of this romance from ring side seats.

Former Claremontites: Visitors during week were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carr from Mesa, Arizona. Brother Carr was the first bishop of Claremont ward. His many friends were most happy to see him and his charming wife. They will attend the Oakland ward reunion where he also once served as bishop.

Clarence Dangerfield was here for a few days; he is now living in Salt Lake City.

William Walsh of the Church General Welfare committee was a visitor from Salt Lake City, and Lois Doran Thomas from Idaho spent a few days with friends in Claremont ward. Nice seeing all of you; do come again, soon.

Stanley Cardwell has been confined to his home on account of illness. Hope to see you out again soon, Stan. Elvira Farrell underwent a serious operation last week; we wish her a speedy recovery.

Marguerite Petry has been elected Stake Gleaner president and Cliff Perry as Stake M Men president. Congratulations, Marguerite and Cliff, we are proud to have you holding these stake positions and we know you will e successful in your new callings.

The Fred Kelleys entertained Monday, May 30 in honor of Charles C. and May Carr.

June 14 is your date, remember, at Berkeley's New Welfare Center for general fun, program, refreshments, and a look-see all over the best-ever Welfare Center.

Liahona Club

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which the present bridge makes real.

The amendment that was passed liberalizes somewhat the membership provisions of the constitution to the effect that not only any male member of the LDS Church who owns a business but one who is a part owner or stock holder in a business, or is an executive or manager or assistant to these offices in a private business concern may become a member of the Liahona Club.

A proposal to have he Liahona Club join hands with the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers in the dedicated of two monuments upon spots in San Joaquin county where the first Utah-California pioneers, the ship Brooklyn colony under Sam Brannan, began the first grain farm and agricultural project in the great San Joaquin valley will be presented to the next club meeting.

Mrs. Anna Patton, historian of early Utah contributions to California history, will address the club, Monday June 27. Through Mrs. Patton's efforts the State Landmark Association will join the LDS group in the dedication exercises at the two sites mentioned, July 31, the anniversity date of the landing of the ship Brooklyn colony of saints in San Francisco in the year 1846. It is expected that several chartered air conditioned busses will be available to comfortably transport the many inter stake Church members and friends to and from the epoch making exercises on the San Joaquin near Tracy.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Boy Scout Troop 131 of East Richmond ward participated in Contra Costa area spring camporee. The first troop in camp, the boys really have something to be proud of; it was the first time Troop 131 received proficient which entitled them to a blue ribbon.

The following Scouters were at camp with the boy scouts: Gordon Gross, scout master; Philip Lewis, troop committee chairman; Norman Coombs, camping and activity. We were very proud of the fine job our scoutmaster, Gordon Gross is doing with the boys.

Priesthood Projects

Maxwell ward elders have a beef project for their own needs. They are purchasing half a beef every other week through the Millward Market, 2912 College avenue, where Bishop Seldon Millward and his brother, Curt serve the public in meats and groceries.

By having the Millwards butcher and sell to members this meat as a priesthood project, the quorum clears about ten dollars on each beef. This quorum recently purchased through Millwards about $140 in case lot canned goods for its members.

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W. Scott Barrett

When my call came to go to the Western States Mission, I was just a little disappointed. I had hoped to go on a Foreign Mission, in spite of the fact that I had recently returned from overseas. At that time, however, I did not realize the historic importance of the area that comprises the Western States Mission—almost all of the Mormon Trail of a century ago lies within its borders. All of Colorado, New Mexico, and

Nebraska; and parts of South Dakota and Iowa, and most of Wyoming are included in the Mission. This makes it also the largest Mission in area in the United States.

Opportunities lie on every side no matter where a Missionary is called to labor and it was not a week after leaving home that I was very thankful that I was called to the Western States Mission. My first assignments were in Colorado, working three months each in three small towns in the tops of the mountains. At the end of that time I was called to Grand Junction, from where I traveled over the West Colorado District for a period of 16 months. My next transfer took me to Iowa, but I was there only six weeks when a call came to come into Denver to act as second counselor in the Mission Presidency.

In this new assignment it was my duty to do much traveling and within the next nine months I was able to tour every District in the Mission. Not until a person has an opportunity to see the scenic wonders of the west does he learn to appreciate them for what they are worth. Carlsbad Caverns, Mt. Rushmore in the Black Hills, Mesa Verde National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Royal Gorge, and many other scenic wonders lie within the borders of the Mission. In Colorado alone there are 52 Mountain peaks over 14,000 feet high.

It was educational and interesting to travel over the Mission but the best part of the experience came through the associations with the Missionaries, Saints and Investigators that I was privileged to have. The spirit that is present in meetings in the Mission Field is evidence enough that this work is true and faith promoting experiences by the score were experienced by myself and others in the field in the past three years. Of these experiences, perhaps two stand out in my mind.

In company with President Child, Mission President, and others we were called upon to administer to a member who had his case definitely diagnosed as cancer, by specialists and x-ray. The entire Branch joined in prayer for him. When he was operated on the next Tuesday the doctors found nothing, and were so surprised that they immediately called in all of the doctors in the clinic. They reported that this instance was the first time that they had been wrong in their diagnosis, but we knew that they were not wrong—the man had been healed.

In the Denver District a woman who had been in a wheel chair unable to walk for six years asked for baptism. As she was being helped out of the fount after the ordinance she told the Elders to take their hands away from her. They did and she walked to the dressing room, and has been walking ever since.

The Western States Mission has shown very rapid growth in the past three years. Membership has increased from 6,000 members in 1946 to over 9,000 at the present time. There are now 36 organized Branches in the Mission; seven of them having been organized within the past three years. Tithing has increased 50 per cent in that time. 450 converts have joined the Church—the greatest number for any like period in the history of the Mission. 1,700 copies of the Book of Mormon were sold in that area during 1948.

The missionaries are going forth with renewed enthusiasm for never before have there been more opportunities for preaching the gospel than there are at the present time. Even the Indians who have been hitherto indifferent to the Gospel in that area are joining the Church in ever increasing numbers because, as many of them have testified, the Book of Mormon tells the same story that their legends do.

It was far more difficult to leave the work than it was to enter it, but I know that it will go forward with ever-increasing speed, both in the Missions and in the Stakes. There is a great difference between a returned missionary, and an ex-missionary, and it is my greatest desire that my lot will be that of a returned missionary that the happiness which comes only through service to others may not fade, but steadily increase during the coming years. —Scott Barrett.

San Leandro Ward

VERNA JACKSON

The Relief Society closing social held recently in the home of President Myrtle Davidson was a fitting conclusion to their wonderful accomplishments for the year. We are proud of the work of the Relief Society presidency and their co-workers. The entire ward has benefitted by their enthusiasm for the work of the Lord.

Two lovely June brides have set their dates; the Misses Kathryn Calhoun and Mary Stoker. Kathryn, our queen of the Gold and Green ball, has set June 19, as her special day. She will wed Thomas Alvin Turney. Mary, the daughter of our ward clerk, will marry Jack Ralston Cohen on June 25. Congratulations, girls.

We extend our hearty appreciation to our outgoing YWMIA presidency. They have worked hard and under most difficult conditions. Ruby Ostler has been sustained as our new president.

It is always regretted when a good worker and spiritual leader has to be replaced. So it is with Harry Maurer, who was recently released from the Sunday school as superintendent. Good luck and every good wish for your endeavors in Salt Lake, Harry. We count ourselves fortunate to have a man like Ried Lesser to take Harry's place. Great things are anticipated under Reid's leadership.

Stake MIA functions have been outstanding. Our ward has enjoyed them and feel to offer our appreciation to our splendid leaders.

Primary conference was a thrilling experience for all who attended Sunday, May 1. The children of our ward are indeed fortunate to enjoy such training and skillful teaching as was manifested that night. Hats off to our San Leandro Primary officers and teachers.

Alameda Ward

GAYLEEN CLAYSON

Bishop Winkle and wife are in Canada on business combined with pleasure.

Sue Seavers, president of the YWMIA, wants everyone to know how proud she and all MIA officers are of the young people in Alameda ward.

Since starting, Mutual in January in our chapel they have done many fine things. It is a cooperative group which seems to enjoy team-work on whatever they are assigned to do.

The one-act play, "Sally Takes a Bow," presented by our ward on Stake drama night, was done beautifully and received with compliments from everyone.

We invite Special Interest members to join us on the fourth Tuesday of the summer months in folk dancing, under fine leadership.

We would like to acknowledge the fact that Sister Morgan has been ill recently.

Our sympathy to the Neil Radabaugh family at the loss of their husband and father. God bless, prosper and comfort them.

We thank all who gave housing to M Men and Gleaners durinng the convention.

Congratulations to Fran and Rose Winkel on the arrival of a six pound plus baby girl; and to Karl and Elaine Lane on the arrival of a seven pound boy on May 30.

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- "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."
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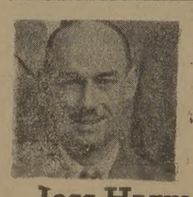
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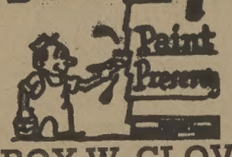

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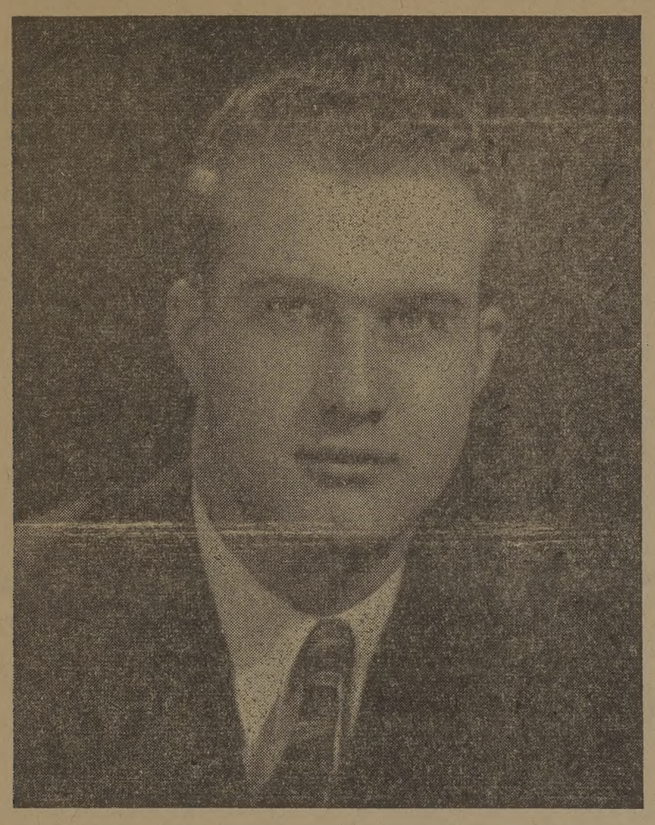
Armand L. Mauss Reports On New England Mission



New England has greatly changed during the past few decades. I think that nearly everyone pictures New England as the home of the puritanical Yankee. In a generation, changes have come. First, there has been a great turnover of people in the most populated areas. Northern New England (New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine), still have some of the old time "Yankees," but Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, where the majority of New England's population is found, is about 75 per cent Italian, French, Polish and Irish and is, therefore, predominately Roman Catholic.

There has also been another important change; there is very little commercial farming in New England. True, Maine still has its potatoes, and there are a few dairy farms in New Hampshire and Vermont, but most of the farms have long since been abandoned for the shorter hours and higher wages of the industrial centers which are composed largely of shoe, textile, automobile, airplane, fishing and canning industries.

Nevertheless, I found that these people, who are products of the combination of many different cultures, are wonderful people, and I found that their civilization is fascinating.

They are, however, very reluctant to accept new customs or ideas, especially in the field of religion. There are, by far, fewer Latter-day Saints in New England than in any other section of our country.

The people we converted, in my own experiences, were always descendents of the old Puritan stock. But most of the people assumed a completely apathetical point of view toward our work; however, they were quite tolerant of us and willing to help when they could, tho there was considerale bigotry in the families of the more recent immigrants from Europe.

In some small communities the established churches have so fallen down that our missionaries have made great progress when the townspeople have had an opportunity to see "Mormonism" demonstrated in the lives of a few converts.

Our very able mission president, S. Dilworth Young, introduced in the New England Mission in May, 1947, a type of missionary work that we called "country work." Missionaries had been working in the big cities of New England for years with little success, so President Young decided to try working in the small towns and suburban areas. This type of missionary work has been called "going without purse or scrip," although we didn't go entirely so. We carried enough money to avoid vagrancy charges and to take care of our haircuts, shoe repairs, etc., and we carried a small bag containing a few extra clothes, Books of Mormon, Church literature, and other necessities.

We depended, however, entirely on the Lord to touch the hearts of the people to provide our food and lodging when we did this summer work in the suburban areas. If we didn't learn to humble ourselves before the Lord and learn to depend upon His guiding spirit, we not only went without food and lodging, but we were not successful in our work.

However, we soon learned how to work in the proper spirit and we discovered that this was missionary work in its fullest and most complete sense. We learned of the joy, satisfaction and success that could be found in relying entirely upon the direction of the Spirit of the Lord, for He not only led us to places of food and shelter, but He directed us, as surely as though He were leading us by the hand, to the homes of honest and sincere souls who joined the Church, and our annual number of converts tripled thru this country work.

I wish space permitted my telling you in detail of each glorious experience that is stamped forever in the depth of my memory and of the several instances that the Lord directed me to the homes of honest-hearted people to whom I taught the gospel and later baptized. Each such case was different and demonstrated the power of the Holy Spirit.

There is no joy equal to that which is experienced in seeing the divine message you deliver to a certain soul touch his heart, enlighten his understanding, and lead him to the waters of baptism. But how unworthy and inadequate I felt when these good souls would embrace me, with tears of happiness and gratitude in their eyes, and thank me for bringing them the gospel, when I had only been trying to do my duty. The Saints in the mission field think so much of the missionaries that we had to be constantly on our guard, lest we lead them astray through one small erroneous word or deed.

In closing, I wish to bear my testimony that I know this work is divine, and that the Lord blesses those who keep His commandments and diligently serve him.

Oakland Ward

BERNADINE M. ADAMS, TW. 3-4861.

The call of our beloved bishop, Vinal G. Mauss, to become president of the Japanese mission, came as a shoc kand surprise to all the wards and stake. We shall miss the wonderful Mauss family very, very much; God blsee them for the salvation of souls among the Japanese people. You will read a full account of this call in other sections of the Messenger.

● Oakland ward's well-known and much loved Church worker, Estherella Kaleikau, exchanged vows with Alexander John Alscowka in the Salt Lake temple, May 18, 1949.

Estherella is held in the highest esteem by all who know her for her affable disposition, noble character and musical ability; especially the moving vocal solos of sacred music. In all these ways she reminds us much of her worthy mother.

Alex Olescowka, of Oakland ward, is from Chicago, where he accepted the gospel three years ago.

● The Oakland ward reunion June 4 and 5, was a joyous, heartwarming event. Many old friendships were renewed. The attendance and the program in all its features, reflected great credit upon all who had a part in it.

339th Quorum of 70

The 339th Quorum of Seventy issues a lively and inspiring little mimeod eight page folder for its members. Directly responsible for the publication are presidents Ronald Max Warr of Vallejo, Lewis W. Oborn of Richmond, assisted by H. Clark Fails of Richmond. They announce they are looking for a printer, ditto copy. Others in the presidency of this fine quorum are L. Allen Tidewell, Werner Vom Dorp, Marvin J. Hunter, Lester J. Schofield and Carl E. Kincaid.

Elder Bowring Urges More Work for Dead

Benjamin Bowring, representing the Church genealogical society, told of an amusing letter the society received saying: "I have been working on my grandmother; my brothers and sisters have been working on my grandmother; now maybe if you will start working on my grandmother, maybe we can find some records about my grandmother."

"Sometimes we find people taking a drab view of working for the redemption of our dead, but really there is no need to be half dead before one begins to work in behalf of the dead," he added.

One ward in the Church which Elder Bowring visited uses a simple 3x5 card with six or eight yes or no questions to get "prospects" for the later visits of the genealogical teachers .These cards were passed out in Sunday School and priesthood classes and collected after being checked "yes" or "no." Hayward uses the ward teachers to report families that have family records.

The rich blessings received in going into the House of the Lord are for all the membership of the Church. But generally it is only a faithful few who take time to enter the temples after their marriages there. "If only the saints would plan to extend their business or vacation trips one or two days longer and take this time to go to some of the temples," it was said, "there would be great spiritual growth and joy both on earth and in heaven."

Priesthood quorums should send money for endowment work to be done for the excess male names now accumulated in each temple. Temple excursions are a means of doing this work, or sending males who can take the time to thus work at some temple if helped financially.

But the prime and constant need is for us all to do and more research work so as to have enough male and female names on our lines to go and do work for in the temples. The great microfilming now done and being prosecuted by the Church at such great expense will help us to find our dead lines.

100,000 pages of microfilm is being done daily, or about 3,000,000 monthly for the Church in several foreign nations, and states in the.. Union... Wonderful.. avenues are being opened all the time for this great work.

Elder Bowring told of seeing an eight year old boy in the baptistry of one of our temples, and the tears were running from his eyes. When asked if he had been hurt he replied, "No, I am just so happy that I have been able to be baptized for some dead people." That joy is there for us all One man 93 years old in the temple said his dead were keeping him alive.

Genial Genealogical Get-Together

The joint genealogical committees of the Berkeley and Oakland stakes met in Berkeley Sunday, May 15, and decided to approve an autumn temple excursion.

Favored for this season of the year was the Idaho Falls temple, and the tentative date favored was October 1-10, since these dates would allow five days in the Idaho temple and then attendance at the General Conference for the Saturday and Sunday sessions, October 8 and 9.

● Prayer cheers the heart and clears the brain.

Mary Ann Murdock of Napa Ward, B. Y. U. Student, Announces Engagement And Coming Marriage

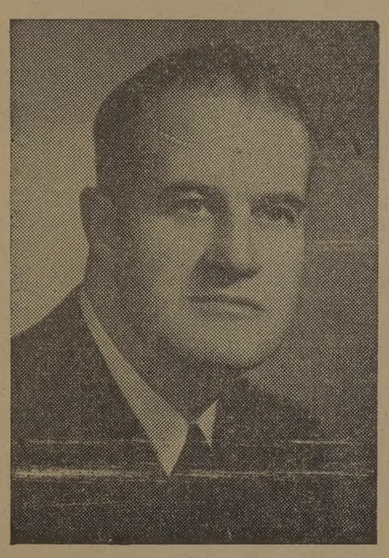
The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Murdock, Napa Furniture dealer and former bishop there, now Berkeley Stake High Councilor are surprised and delighted to hear that their musically talented daughter, Mary Ann will graduate at the BYU June 7 with a class that contains also her future husband.

This fortunate man is Robert C. Mendenhall of Springville, Utah, son of Bishop V. Cornell Mendenhall. Mary Ann has taken several leads, we understand, in school operas, and with Caroline Harmon, daughter of President and Wanda Harmon, has received the coveted "White Key."

At the annual Nautulus formal dinner dance this happy couple announced their engagement in the usual tradition by passing the chocolates, each individual piece whereof bore an "A" for Ann, and a "R" for Robert. Robert, we are informed, was a lieutenant in the army aircorp during the war, and has attended the UAC, and also the Austin College in Texas before going to the "Y". He is headed for Harvard for a Ph. D. in the field of philosophy.

Brother and Sister John Murdock will motor to Provo to see Mary Ann graduate and to meet the lucky man. Their son, Paul, is also there completing his first year of college work.

The marriage date is indefinite, but will be in one of the Utah temples before the couples go East and to Harvard.



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Alameda Chapel

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that this was dismanteled by the enthusiastic local group and the materials salvaged were used in the construction of the new edifice.

The Camp Shoemaker building was purchased for $3600, and dismantled and, together with materials sold and that used in the new building netted over $21,000. All labor (a total of 6108 houlrs) was volunteer.

The new chapel, may be expanded into the recreation room, which will seat an additional 600 persons.

ORGAN PLANNED

Seats in the chapel are high quality opera chairs of modern design.

Overlooking the chapel, but unobserved from the main section, is the sound proof "crying room" or nursery, provided with a loud speaker, observation window and adequate nursery facilities.

The 40 by 65-foot recreation room provides facilities for a year-round recreational and cultural program for the youth. It is equipped with a large stage.

Winging the recreation hall is a lounge carpeted in pastel green. It has an inviting marble fireplace which is reflected in the huge but exquisite nine by 12 mirror that encompasses one end of the room.

Draperies, comfortable chairs, a chesterfield and a grand piano recently donated by the William Everett family, completes this delightful room, which is also used for meetings of the Women's Relief Society.

JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Boy Scout section of the building provides a assembly room, troop committee rooms, storage space and all necessary conveniences for this highly recommended program.

Children of the ward meet each Sabbath morning in a Junior Sunday School department with a separate assmbly room and 15 class rooms.

The spacious kitchen, equipped for banquets, powder rooms, check rooms, bishop's office, and a library are other features of this new edifice.

The building program, including the Shoemaker project, has been under the administration of Bishop Thys Winkel of 1270 St. Charles St. Mr. Winkel is also untiring efforts as a service men's co-ordinator for the churhc during the war.

630 MEMBERS

Others who have been in charge of the building activity include the architect, Theo G. Ruegg of San Francisco; building committee chairman, Ralph Lane, and Francis B. Winkel. It was supervised by R. O. Phelps, and Jack Powell directed the landscaping.

At the present time there are 630 members of record, most of whom have donated both time and money towards the building of the new chapel. Four pianos, including two grands, have been donated.

At the time of the dedication this building and all furnishings will be completely unencumbered by any debt or mortages.

If We Onlv Had a Stake Mountain Camp? ? ? ?

Sometime this might be printed in the Messenger regarding Berkeley stake, or the Joint Oakland-Berkeley stakes, as it was printed in the May 25, 1949, issue of the southern California Church organ, The California Intermountain News:

"Cumorah Crest Camp Available

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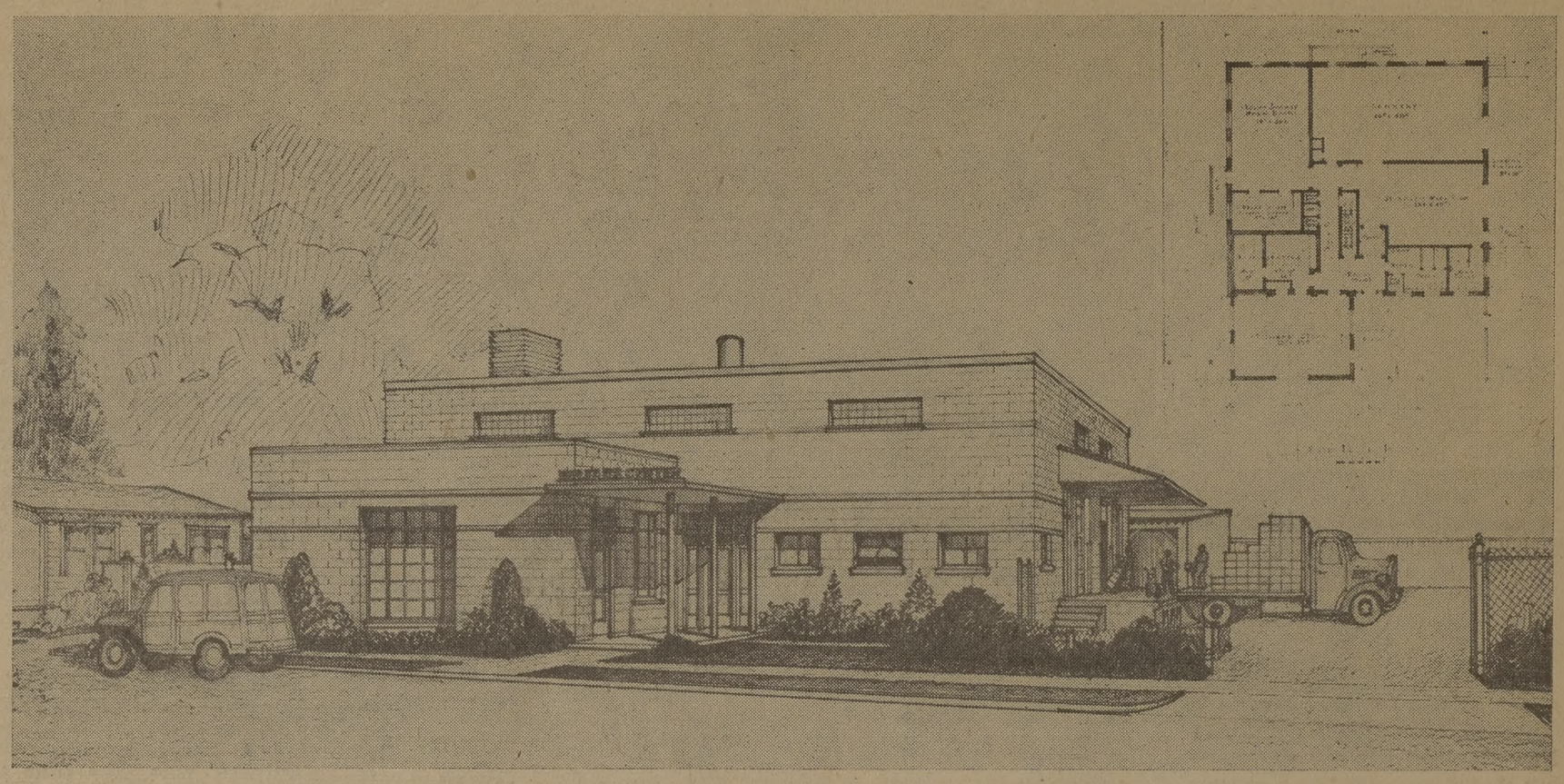
BERKELEY STAKE'S NEW WELFARE CENTER NEARS COMPLETION



First grand open house festivities at the center are set for everybody Tuesday, June 14, 8 to 11 p.m. Refreshments, an interesting program and conducted tours of the plant will provide an enjoyable evening for everyone.

Last Call for Information Final Request for Data Asked By Editor Leo J. Muir

There are six important chapters in the forthcoming historical work, "A Century of Mormon Activities in California," for which we do not have adequate information from the Northern California area. Here are the chapters:

1. Music and Musicians.
2. Mormons in Boy Scout Activities.
3. Historical Celebrations and Monuments on Mormon California Activities.
4. Mormon Writers and Publishers.
5. Mormons in Theatre, Radio and Motion Picture.
6. Organizations of Daughters and Sons of Utah Pioneers.

It is our desire to make appropriate reference to the individuals or groups who have played leading roles in any of these activities.

We shall be grateful if our friends in Northern California will drop a postcard giving us the names and addresses of individuals who might provide information on any of these activities.

This work will be printed in the fall, so prompt action is the order of the day. Write to: Leo J. Muir, 1340 West 29th St., Los Angeles 7, California.

Intermountain News

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ranges and farms were reported May 4 as suffering a near drought. April, usually Utah's wettest month, was this year the driest. . . . The Soviet paper "Tass" has made the assertion that LDS missionaries in Finland were government spies. The statement, obviously another Soviet big lie, has been officially denied by the Church.

W. King Driggs' great cantata, "The Liahona," which he wrote and produced here first, has been rendered many times in southern California where he now lives. Now it is to be rendered in the S.L.C. assembly hall on Tabernacle Square, June 20, following the MIA June conference.

The Utah Poultry Producers are now shipping their famous "Milk White" eggs by truck to New York which has been their chief market for 12 years. High freight rates had all but killed this market; hence the new truck method.

Oil has been discovered in the Unitah-Ouray Indian reservation in Utah, six miles from Roosevelt, at a depth of 8774 feet. . . . Kaiser-Fraiser has closed its Ironton, Utah county, blast furnace for the present because of slower sales.

Region 12, Boy Scouts of America, the area from Utah west to California and Hawaii has the largest membership increase in the nation. Got a fine award for this distinction. . . Salt Lake City now has two television broadcasting stations. . . . The dome of the Utah state capitol is to receive a new copper roofing at a cost of $20,000.

The Church's largest attended annual function, except the General Conferences, is the annual pageant at the Hill Cumorah which this year will occur August 18, 19 and 20, under the Eastern States Mission. . . . The Papago Indian ward near Mesa, Arizona, has an Indian membership of about 340 pure bloods.. . . .The 174th stake of the Church was organized May 21, the East Riverside stake bordering the Jordan river in the eastern part of Salt Lake City.

The U. of U. anthropology field trip this summer will be held near Wendover, Utah, in caves there which seem to have been inhabited by men thousands of years ago. . . . Released this month for distribution is a recording of four Church hymns sung by the 500-voice Sunday School Centennial chorus: Did You Think to Pray; Thanks for the Sunday School; Heavenly Light; and Praise Ye the Light.

Wallace F. Bennett of the Deseret S. S. Board and president of the National Assn. of Manufacturers, will give the Church of the Air address June 19, entitled: "Faith for Today." . . . Cheddar cheese for the Church welfare program will be processed by three Cache valley stakes who have purchased a cheese factory. W. W. Owens, father of our Dick Owens, and of Mrs. Hazel Ball, is serving as general manager of the 85-acre farm, without remuneration.

Vinal G. Mauss

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Following his marriage to Ethel Lind, musician and teacher, in 1927, the couple resided in Highland Park Ward four years and then moved to Long Beach, Calif., where they continued their Church activities They moved to Oakland in 1936.

In Oakland President Mauss served as Sunday School superintendent, in the bishopric, president of the high priests' quorum and then bishop since 1946.

He is vice president of the Colonial Mortuary, Oakland.

(Vinal says they will go to S. L. C. in mid-July. Watch next Messenger for details.

● Everyone can do something to make the world better. He can at least improve himself.

Berkeley Presidency Addresses Saints

The following is taken from a letter sent all members of Berkeley stake by the stake presidency May 12, 1949:

We are now nearing the completion of our Bishop's Storehouse, which is one of the largest and finest in the Church. It contains four large storage rooms, two small cold storage rooms, a cannery, Relief Society workroom, office and store.

The authorized budget of cash outlay for this welfare plant, and equipment, including the land, is $73,600 of which the General Welfare Committee will pay approximately $34,500, leaving $39,100 to be paid from our own stake funds.

All of the labor on this structure has been donated except for the salary of the supervisor. The volunteer labor from the beginning until the end of April, 1949, is summarized as follows:

Wrecking government building and salvaging material, 3,696 man ours; welfare building from June 13, 1948 to August 31, 1948, 4,787 man hours; welfare building from August 31, 1948 to April 30, 1949, 12,648 man hours; total man hours, 21,167.

Our only regret is that there are still too many people in all of the wards who have not yet contributed any labor or any cash to this worthy cause. No one is expected to contribute beyond his means; each individual may be his own judge as to what he can afford to do. Almost every family can and should participate to some extent. Whether the amount is large or small, cash or labor, it will represent an investment in an enterprise which belongs to the Lord, and the investment will pay large dividends in spiritual and temporal blessings.

While we are greatly encouraged and happy with the tangible evidence of these contributions, in the form of a welfare building, yet we are concerned by reason of the fact that the blessings of our Heavenly Father are not being as widely distributed as they should be. We urge the ward leaders to exert themselves diligently toward reaching as many families as possible through direct personal contact. Everyone should be given the opportunity of responding to this call.

We say, in the spirit of our calling, that those who do respond will be blessed; and we also say that those who do not respond, or who refuse to support this worthy cause, will forego a blessing which they need.

W. Glenn Harmon, Wayne E. Mayhew and Emery R. Ranker, Berkeley Stake Presidency

Local Notes

● Scott Barrett, returned missionary for the Western States Mission, is working out of the office of Jos. C. Eyring, Berkeley realty and insurance man. Scott is specializing in life insurance.

● Dr. Armis J. Ashby, D.D.S., has announced the opening of dental offices at 3300 62nd Street, at MacArthur, Oakland. Originally from American Fork, Utah, Dr. Ashby spent the years 1942-48 as a dentist in the Navy, the last 18 months eing in the area of Japan and China. In fact he was not long ago in Shanghai where the Reds have now entered. He came to the ay area after joining the Navy, and spent six months at Oak Knoll in East Oakland. The Ashys purchased a home last March and are settled as memers of the Dimond ward. Welcome and great success to them.

● Brother Jonathan of the Healthatorium on Piedmont avenue reports a growing demand for his services not only at eHalthtorium but as a speaker on the Word of Wisdom and Good Health before several young groups in the various wards. This service he delights to render as far as his time will allow. His influence is being felt for good wherever he goes. We wish to welcome him and his wife into our colony activities.

● George Noble of Hayward is building up a sales agency and is seeking qualified persons among the LDS in the east bay. We are glad to welcome Brother Noble and his good wife, the former May Bates of Richmond, into this field. Their ad will be seen in this issue of the Messenger.

● The Five Morgans from Utah, owners of the NU-VU Venitian Blinds factory on San Pablo avenue, Oakland, report a nice response to their business announcement and ad in the Messenger. A visit is invited to their plant at any time.

● We have seen some of the professional business service of Gloria Magleby's office in Pittsburg. She has opened a complete letter service under the title, Los Medanos Business Service at 15 East 7th Street, Ptitsburg. Gloria is the well known MIA worker and daughter of Bishop and Sister Magleby of Pittsburg ward.

● This makes four operational centers for Manton M. Moody and his brothers: The wonderful, high class Hillcrest Motel at 2400 MacArthur Blvd. The Brookside Auto Court and Trailer Park at 8501 MacArthur, the Trailer Sales lot at 8500 MacArthur, and the Trailer Sales lot at 206 San Pablo avenue, El Cerrito.

● Our genial friend and recently returned missionary, Bob (Fibber) Phibbs, is selling real estate with his daughter who is a well established dealer in Oakland. His announcement card and ad is found in this issue of The Messenger.

● Don J. Allphin, East Oakland jeweler and well known Liahona and church worker, is busy these spring week ends erecting himself and family a summer cottage near Upper Lake, not too far from the cottage of Heber Brown.

● Charles E. Mills, owner of the Tele/raph Avenue Sewing Machine Shop and expert repair man of many years' service for the large companies, reports a strong demand for rental machines. He has a large number out on rental all the time, and is pleased to accomodate in repairs, rentals, or new machines, and in reconditioning with the latest finishes.